Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, For 33 years, Gerald Lange championed electric cooperatives by serving as a director and board officer; and,

Whereas, Gerald's advocacy for both electric and telecommunication cooperatives has afforded Sioux Valley Energy members with state-of-the-art services; rebates, affordable rates, electric heat discounts; energy conservation loans, electric wiring services, high-speed wireless Internet service, networking service, wireless cable TV, long distance telephone service, life safety monitoring, Operation Round Up; and,

Whereas, Gerald's philosophy was always "no matter what, no matter where, I represent cooperatives"; and,

Whereas, Gerald dedicated his life to rural South Dakota and his impact may never be totally understood or valued; and,

Whereas, Gerald's commitment to the belief in staying informed and up-to-date on the issues is highlighted by his commitment to training; and,

Whereas, Gerald received his "Director Certification" in 1977, his "Credentialed Director Certification" in 1999, and his "Board Leadership Certificate" in 2000; and,

Whereas, Gerald served in the South Dakota State Legislature representing South Dakota's interests; and,

Whereas, Gerald's dedication did not end with the cooperatives, Gerald also served as a member of the Kiwanis Club, Madison Chamber of Commerce, American Historian, Rural Renew, Dakota Rural Action, Farmers Union, NFO, Lake County Democratic Party, and numerous community and government organizations; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2004, as

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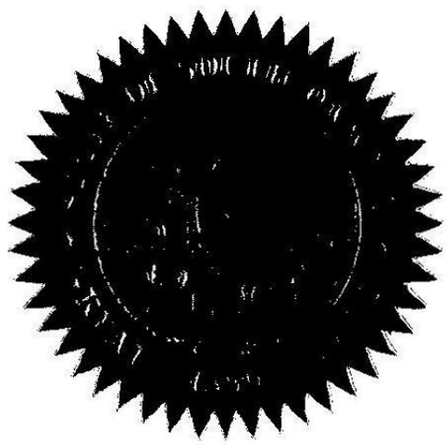
in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to thank and honor Gerald for his outstanding leadership to the cooperatives of South Dakota, and to extend a special thanks to Gerald's wife and his family for the unselfishness of sharing him with so many.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State